

## TIDE OF BATTLE EBBS AS BRITISH SHELL FIRE ENDS

Half Million English Troops  
Fail to Break Thru.

Germans Reverse Result When  
Big Guns Are Silent.

FACE ALMOST CERTAIN DEATH  
Occupants of First Trench  
Have Small Life Chance.

Tenton Forces Determined to  
Hold Their Positions.

German trenches opposite the British position at Commeourt on the Somme front, via Berlin and Sayville—wireless, Aug. 14.—Half a million British have been engaged in the effort to break the German lines on the Somme front. Often, as in the fighting between Commeourt and Hebuterne, the British outnumbered the Germans six to one. They have gained ground to a depth of from 3 to 5 miles over a front of about 18 miles, but nowhere have been able to break through.

More than ever, death has become a commonplace in this most murderous battle of all times. The Germans in the first line know that they probably will be killed if their positions are attacked. Trenches are virtually useless, for the heavy British shells widen them in to broad channels, affording no cover of any sort the first line usually perishes.

The advancing British foot troops are no better off because the Germans reverse the process when part of their positions have been captured. After the British artillery has leveled the German trenches the infantry rushes in often to be thrown out again as soon as the British artillery ceases fire, which it has to do owing to the proximity of the opposing lines.

Terrific Artillery Fire.

Thus the battle has been going on for weeks, the opposing forces now gaining, at terrific cost and then losing at even greater cost a few yards of trenches. At present all the fighting by the British is carried on from their positions in the rear, where the drum fire is incessant day or night. German officers who were in the Champagne offensive said no such artillery fire had been experienced previously. The German fire, too, is terrific. An idea of its intensity may be gained from the fact that on certain British troops, German shells threw 1,600 shells in one minute and forty-five seconds, resulting in great slaughter.

Often the British assault dies away before the German second line, from which machine guns pour out streams of bullets which literally cut the men into fragments. At one point the Associated Press correspondent stood within 800 yards of the British trenches near Delville wood, where the Germans had just buried 1,296 British as they lay in the firing line.

Determined to Hold Place.

Some 500 British prisoners whom the correspondent saw were being sent into the plain were still dazed from the shock. They were a sorry spectacle, glad they had escaped from "hell" as they termed it. The correspondent visited the entire front of the present offensive and everywhere found from talks with Germans that they were more determined than ever to stand their ground. The men are in capital shape physically and of easy mind, although they are looking upon death each time.

An officer pointed out that nowadays each man is his own leader, as it is often impossible under present battle conditions to transmit commands. While the generals might still plan the actions, this officer said, it was plain that the infantry must act upon its own initiative in the presence of death, must save the day. Back of the German lines within British artillery range, hardly a single house was standing. Embers were still burning in the ruins of two villages as correspondent passed there. Officers said there were no German troops in such places and that the victims were mostly French civilians. Of these the correspondent saw scores of wounded.

Removed the Civilians.

Wherever possible the Germans removed these civilians as at Belouquet. The population of this town was cleared out at 2 o'clock in the morning and the bombardment began at 5 o'clock. By noon the entire village was razed. The village of Rancourt met a similar fate. The correspondent saw part of the population rushing for safety and a few hours later looked on the burning debris of the town. British aviators have made several attempts to burn the grain crop, apparently unimpaired of the fact that it belongs to French peasants. One aviator, descending to 800 yards from the ground, threw bombs among a harvesting party, killing two French girls and wounding others. There is no safety anywhere in the zone behind the front. What the artillery does not reach is exposed constantly in the bombs of aviators.

While the correspondent was at Huggy eight civilians were killed. Eighteen others were wounded, of whom four died in the German hospital the same day. At Cambrai four persons were killed and two wounded on the same night. A French civilian pointed out that while the German soldiers have built bomb proofs in which to seek refuge, the civilians have only cellars. He begged that this be brought to the attention of the British military authorities.

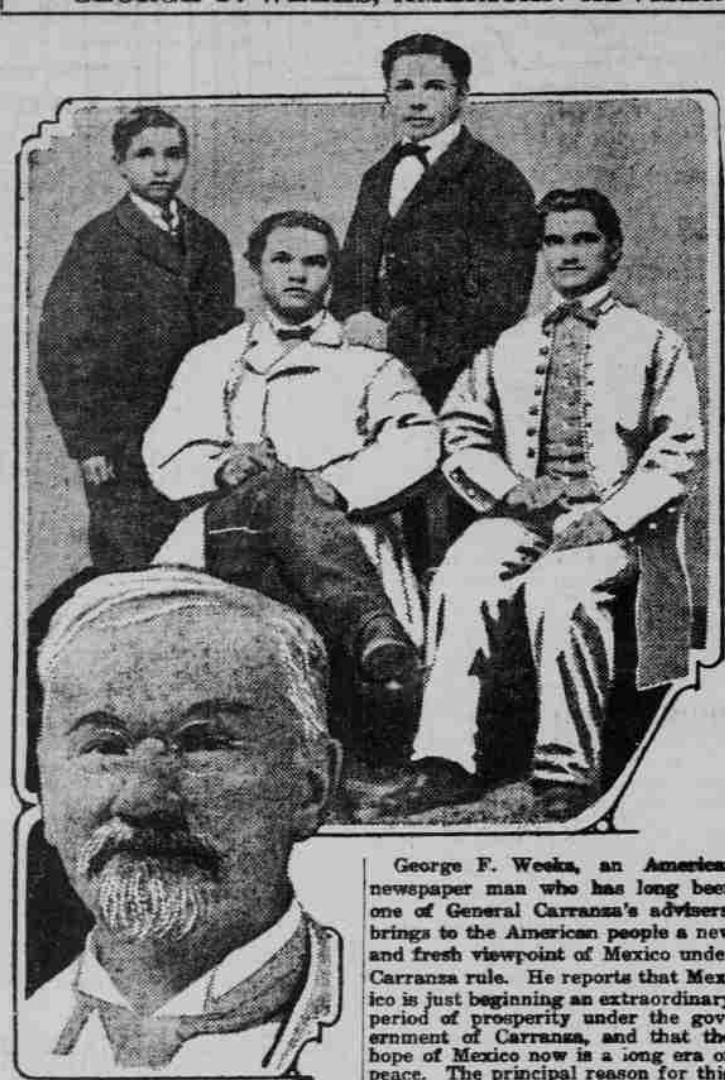
"A man that works hard tries to reform himself," said Uncle Eben, "don't see no git didn't no much encouragement and applause as do such dat sits up on a platform an' preaches folks in general."—Washington Star.

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## LOSS TEN MILLION 34 CHILDREN DIE

Allies Killed, Wounded and Day's Deaths Slight Decrease;  
Captured Estimated. 113 New Cases.

Million and Half Russians Killed—Total 2,800,000.

Berlin (via London), Aug. 16.—The Frankfurter Zeitung publishes an estimate of the losses in the war based on a report issued by a society in Copenhagen, organized for the study of the social consequences of the war.

Estimates for the loss of two years' fighting are, it is claimed, very conservative. England's losses in killed, wounded and missing, while the losses of the navy are stated at nearly 19,000. In prisoners England is said to have lost 50,000.

The total losses of France of all categories are said to be about the same. Italy, according to the paper's figures, lost more than 200,000. Russia lost the colossal total of 8,500,000, including about 1,500,000 killed alone, it is asserted. The Belgians lost 200,000. Serbia twice that number.

The total figure of losses of the entire power is given at about 10,000,000, more than 2,800,000 of whom are listed as dead.

## APPROVE REVENUE BILL

Senate Committee Reports Favorably on Raising \$205,000,000.

Washington, Aug. 16.—By a strict Democratic vote, Republicans unanimously opposing it, the senate finance committee today ordered a favorable report to the senate on the revised revenue bill, which is to raise about \$205,000,000 a year.

Chairman Simmons submitted the report when the senate met and announced that the bill had been given several days to study the measure. Meanwhile, he proposed, after disposition to the shipping bill the senate should take up the revenue compensation bill. If this program is carried out the revenue bill will be the last important measure to be acted upon this session.

Although some Democrats are expected to oppose some features of the bill, Senator Simmons said he could see no reason why congress should not adjourn September 1. Some other Democratic leaders insist business cannot be concluded before September 9.

## ELECTRIC CARS CRASH

Two Collide With Coal Truck and Score Are Injured.

Providence, R. I., Aug. 16.—More than a score of persons were injured early today when two electric cars traveling in opposite directions crashed into a coal truck which was attempting to cross the tracks on Broad street.

Ten of the injured were removed to a hospital although it was stated by physicians that all of them probably would recover.

The truck was caught between the cars and demolished.

## ITALY FEELS QUAKE

Three Cities Shaken; Damage at Pesaro and Rimini.

London, Aug. 16.—The cities of Ancona, Pesaro and Rimini, Italy, were shaken by an earthquake early this morning says an Italian news agency dispatch from Rome today. No damage was done at Ancona but at Pesaro and Rimini houses were injured. It is feared that at Rimini there has been loss of life.

## WORST IS OVER?

Germans Declare Russian Drive Has Fallen Down.

Halted at Stochod in Attempt to Grab Kovel.

## RUSSIAN STRENGTH SURPRISE

Rush Across Galicia Is Called Desperate Strategy.

Germans "Explain Away" Capture of Stanislaw, Goritz.

BY CARL W. ACKERMAN.

Headquarters of Field Marshal von Hindenburg's Army, Aug. 16.—"The worst of the Russian offensive is over," one of the highest commanding officers on the eastern front told the United Press today after a tour of inspection of the Austro-German lines.

Completely halted at the Stochod river in their efforts to retake Kovel, the Russians, undaunted by this failure, have shifted their attacks southward, always striking against the Austrians.

"The temporary successes of the Russians in the southeast is desperate strategy," said a German officer, "because the faster they advance with their left wing in the southeast, the more they weaken the position of their right wing along the Stochod."

East Front Reorganized Now.

It is admitted here that the Russians caught the Austrians by surprise at the beginning of the offensive. Aeroplanes reported Russian troops massing behind the Russian front, but no one believed the Russians as strong as they have been discovered to be. The Russian tactics kept the Austrians guessing for several weeks, but now the whole Austro-German front is reorganized and the earlier Russian advantages are being overcome.

The fall of Stanislaw and Goritz was admitted unpleasant, but viewed strategically have a different meaning according to German military experts. The band of German troops outwitted by the Russian failure to reach Kovel and Lemberg. The Germans marvel that they did not succeed in taking the city, and that the French blows, but at the critical moment German troops arrived and stiffened the lines east of Kovel.

Hurt 11-Join Shells at Russians.

Last night near the front where the Russians on August 1 attempted a great offensive, I walked for two hours in the front line trenches watching the battle. The band of German troops, Major Von Cheller, former attaché of the German embassy at Washington, and Capt. P. Behn, former German consul at Denver, explained the lay of the land. The band of German troops, Major Von Cheller, former attaché of the German embassy at Washington, and Capt. P. Behn, former German consul at Denver, explained the lay of the land. The band of German troops, Major Von Cheller, former attaché of the German embassy at Washington, and Capt. P. Behn, former German consul at Denver, explained the lay of the land.

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## BRYAN OFFERS PLAN

President Resents "Butting In" on Railroad Strike Problem.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 16.—W. J. Bryan has sent a telegram to the railroad men at Washington suggesting that his peace treaty plan be applied to a settlement of the dispute. As applied to the present situation, the plan would choose one of their own number and another person outside the ranks to act for them; the railroad would do the same and a fifth man would be chosen either by the two sides or by the president.

Investigation of a year should follow, but the findings would not necessarily be compulsory on either side. During the year the present wage status would be maintained.

Neither side, reports from Washington say, will accept Mr. Bryan's proposal, as both think it would merely delay final settlement. It also is hinted that President Wilson is displeased at Mr. Bryan's attempt to "butt in."

## WILL NOT HURT ARMY

Plenty of Food in Case of Strike, Says General Bell.

El Paso, Tex., Aug. 16.—Food supplies for troops at this point would not be menaced by a general railroad strike unless such action was prolonged into months. This statement was made by General Bell, Jr., here following the war department's order cancelling further movements of state troops to the border.

Large quantities of hard bread and tinned food are in store here, General Bell said, sufficient to feed even the 25,000 additional troops affected by the order for several weeks. Command men stated food to last the civilian population more than one month on hand.

A report reached here that Luis Cabrera, named as head of the Mexican commission for the proposed international conference, had disappeared from Mexico City, together with \$2,000,000 in gold from the de facto treasury. Cabrera is minister of the Mexican treasury, the report could not be confirmed here.

## REPORT FLOUR PROBE

Chicago, Aug. 16.—Edward N. Hurley, chairman of the Federal Trade commission who has been here in connection with an investigation of rises in flour and wheat prices from the industrial standpoint, planned today to leave for Washington tomorrow. He will lay what facts he has obtained here before government officials. As result of the jump in wheat yesterday, bakers' grade flour was selling half a dollar higher today at \$7.25.

## GIRL ORPHANED BY SEA BATTLE

COMES TO U. S.

New York, Aug. 16.—Annette Harvey, a 7-year-old freckle-faced little girl, fatherless and motherless since the naval battle off Jutland, who arrived here on the Anchor line Tuesday, is speeding on the second half of her journey from Belfast to Spokane, where her only living relative awaits her.

Annette's father was killed during the clash of the English and German fleets in the North Sea. Her mother died when she heard the news. Friends in Belfast cared for the child until Mrs. G. F. Delaney, her mother's sister, wrote for her.

## BIG NAVAL TASK

U. S. to Carry Out World's Largest Single Program.

Build 157 War Vessels Costing \$16 Million in 3 Years.

Washington, Aug. 16.—Navy officers virtually had before them today the task of carrying out the largest program for building warships ever adopted with a single appropriation by any nation.

Although technically not completed, the naval bill, carrying \$315,800,000 had been approved in its main provisions by congress and is in the hands of a conference committee only to settle minor differences between the house and senate on navy yard appropriations.

Anticipating speedy disposition of the remaining questions, the navy department already had begun plans for putting into effect provisions of the big building policy and increased personnel features approved yesterday by the house.

Instructions today were that the conference would reach an early agreement on the questions still in dispute and that the bill would be laid before President Wilson for his approval in a few days.

Increases written into the bill by the senate and approved by the house provide for the construction of 157 war vessels within the next three years and an enlisted strength of 74,700 men.

## KNOCK TWILIGHT SLEEP

Use of Scopolamin Menaces Life of Child, Says Physician.

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 16.—Johns Hopkins hospital has virtually set its stamp of disapproval on the damper, or twilight sleep method in childbirth. It abandoned its experiments nine months ago, concluding that the method was too dangerous and the menace to the life of the child too grave.

More than a year's use of the twilight sleep drug, scopolamin, the obstetricians found that it could be safely used only in exceptional conditions. The question of the proper dosage proved so intricate that no chances could be taken.

Scopolamin is far from the ideal drug for childbirth, said Doctor Miles today. "The attendant dangers are so great that it can never come into general use. The wealthy may afford it, as the expense of having skilled obstetricians always in call is the smallest consideration. But for the middle and poorer classes—the masses in other words—it seems out of the question and it is among the masses that the greater number of births occur."

It is not a method that the average practitioner can use. Our conclusions show that a man should have at least five years' obstetrical hospital experience before venturing to use scopolamin. The average practitioner can never hope to have this. Without this accumulated skill, the dangers of the twilight sleep method are too great."

## TRY TO POISON HORSES

Santa Fe Agents Investigate Plot to Kill Allies' Mounds.

Fort Madison, Iowa, Aug. 16.—Investigation of an alleged plot to poison horses consigned to agents of the Santa Fe railroad. The question of the proper dosage proved so intricate that no chances could be taken.

The serious illness of a shipment of horses from Kansas City to Fort Madison recently led to the investigation. Officers said they found evidence which tended to show that the horses had been given poison.

## RACES MEET IN TUG OF WAR ON MEXICAN BORDER

Negro troopers and white troopers in tug of war to relieve monotonous inaction of border camp life.

Troopers encamped on the border with nothing to relieve the monotony of camp life save the daily drills, must have something with which to keep their minds and bodies occupied. There are many athletes of note among them, and sports of all kinds are indulged in, including baseball, tug of war between different troops, tennis, track races and various other athletic games. The troopers recently held a regular field-day after college events of like character, and all the boys, on account of the rivalry existing between every camp, fight for every inch of advantage.

## MUST SECURE IT

For First Time England Makes Deposit For U. S. Loan.

Morgan Announces Details of New 250 Million Notes.

New York, Aug. 16.—Details of the new British loan were announced by J. P. Morgan & Co. today. The loan will be for \$250,000,000 in two years, five per cent, secured loan gold notes, to be dated September 1, 1916, with interest payable semi-annually. The loan will be secured by the deposit with the Farmers Loan and Trust company of New York of \$200,000,000 worth of securities which have been approved by Morgan & Co. A large part of these securities it is understood will consist of stocks and bonds of American corporations, held in England and recently mobilized by the British government.

One purpose of the loan is to stabilize exchange between the two countries. The loan is the first ever negotiated by England here in which it was required that the deposit collateral here as security. The \$200,000,000 collateral must include \$100,000,000 worth of American securities, \$100,000,000 of securities of the Canadian government or the Canadian Pacific railway and \$100,000,000 in securities either issued or guaranteed by the following governments: Argentina, Chile, Denmark, Sweden, Switzerland, Denmark or Holland.

## ARCHERY IN TOPEKA

New Playground Sport Will Be Introduced Thursday.

Archery, a newcomer in Topeka sports, will be given its first trial here at the Playground archery tournament, Thursday afternoon at Chesney park.

The eight playgrounds will be represented each by a boy and a girl. Each player shoots twelve arrows. A perfect score of twelve center hits totals 108. A "hit" in the blue ring counts 5; black, 3; white, 1. The boys will shoot at a distance of twenty yards from the target and the girls at fifteen yards.

The tournament is to be under the rules of the American Archery society.

The playground youngsters are getting to be real Indians in their proficiency with the bow. The archery apparatus has only been installed three weeks but in many individual playground tournaments, scores of sixty and above were reported. The archery apparatus was imported from England and is very expensive. The bows cost two dollars each and the targets about \$5. The first attempts of the amateur archers were disastrous, several bows being broken and a good many arrows split against the ground trees. Under the close supervision of the instructors the game is becoming a comparatively safe and economical pastime.

## HE SAW ALL OF IT

Langshaw Wants \$50,000 For Loss of Affection.

New York, Aug. 16.—When Albert C. Langshaw, son of a wealthy mill owner, went to his cottage in Ridgewood, N. Y., on July 15 of this year, he saw such a sight, he says, that it will take at least \$50,000 to blot it from his memory. It is for this amount that he has begun an action against Robert Bates, who lives at Ridgewood, charging alienation of his wife's affections.

Right there before his very eyes, said Mr. Langshaw in papers filed, he saw his wife, Marion J. Langshaw, attending to the needs of a man, who he said he heard terms of endearment used and his own name mentioned in the plaintiff's residence at No. 120 Monroe street, Ridgewood, N. Y., and in other parts of the house, he heard the plaintiff's wife sitting in the lap of the defendant, Robert Bates, each of them embracing the other and kissing each other and he heard the defendant say, "I love you" and "I am devoted to you."

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## Kaiser Make Amends

After War England Will Demand Reparation For Outrages.

London, Aug. 16.—England may not resume diplomatic relations with Germany after the end of the war until Germany makes full reparation for the execution of Captain Fryatt and similar alleged outrages, Premier Asquith intimated in the house of commons this afternoon.

Premier Asquith said that in the opinion of the cabinet, the country would not tolerate a resumption of diplomatic intercourse with Germany until such reparation had been made.

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## HAS AMERICAN GRANTS

Carranza Seizes Railway Connections and Is After Mines.

El Paso, Texas, Aug. 16.—The de facto government has declared null the concessions held by Americans for a projected railway between Salina Cruz and Acapulco, Mexico, according to Carranza officials in Juarez. The reasons given were that conditions were onerous, that the concessions were prejudicial to the de facto government, and that the contract was made with former Dictator Huerta. At the same time, preparations are being made to confiscate mining properties held by Americans who do not pay all back taxes with an additional penalty of 25 per cent before September 1 under a pronouncement issued by Carranza.

## HOSE SHOWER BATH

New Form of Entertainment at Quincy School Playground.

The children of Quincy school playground have "more" pep for baseball and games this hot weather than those of the other playgrounds as a result of the hose shower bath installed at the suggestion of Miss Lulu McKee, director of the playground.

The hose shower bath is installed in the basement of Quincy school house. The children bring old clothes to the playground and are permitted to turn the hose on one another at one time and the screams of delight can be heard over a good part of North Topeka.

The hose fights are making bathing a popular sport among the children, according to the playground directors. The scheme has proved such a success that next year all the playgrounds may be equipped with hose showers for use during the dog days.

## WEDS BRITISH EARL

Miss Patricia Burke of California Is a London Bride.

London, Aug. 16.—The Earl of Cotnam was married at George's church, Hanover Square, today, to Miss Patricia Burke, daughter of the late J. H. Burke of California. Walter H. Burke, the bridegroom, is a member of the House of Commons, eldest son of the earl and best man.

The Earl of Cotnam's first wife was Lady Rose Nevill. She died in 1912.

## AT THE THEATERS

The Orpheum.

Following Bessie Barricade and William Desmond in "The Payment" comes the smiling Douglas Fairbanks in "The Halfbreed," a film version of Bret Harte story, "In the Carquinez Woods," at the Orpheum for the last half of the week.

## DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS, TRIANGLE STAR.

That it is a Harte story and produced by the Triangle players is emphasized in advance press notices as recommendation enough for the play. The story involves the "Halfbreed," a blond girl, Jewel Carmen, a social outcast, Alma Reubens, and Indian characters who twenty-five years ago dominated the territory of northern California.

The Iris.

Today and tomorrow the Iris shows "The House of the Golden Windows" in which Cleo Ridgely and Wallace Reid are starred. These popular screen artists have been seen recently in "The Love Mask," "The Golden Chance" and "The Selfish Woman."

The team work of the two seems to improve as each production is filmed. Burton Holmes Travelogues will also be seen along with the drama.

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## GOOD NEWS THEN BAD

Advised of Political Honor, Is Told Relative Just Killed.

St. Joe, Aug. 16.—Five minutes after he had been elected chairman of the Republican congressional committee of the fourth district in Indiana, here, Wm. H. Kueker of St. Joseph, was notified that his brother-in-law, Boone Smith had been run down and killed by a Santa Fe passenger train near Agency, this county. Kueker left the meeting and went to the scene of the accident. Smith, who was a well-to-do resident of Agency, was dead when he was found. He did not hear the approaching train.

Motor Washers for Forbes's.—Adv.

## MY WIFE AND I

My wife and I have received wonderful relief by the use of Hartzel's Wild Cherry Compound for stomach troubles. I lost all the month of July—could not work my stomach was so bad. I am now feeling fine and working every day, so states Mr. Albert Bliga, of 217 East Fifth street. There certainly is no doubt as to the merits of Hartzel's Wild Cherry. Hundreds of people have called at C. Klingman & Co.'s, druggists, 120 East Sixth street, the last month for the medicine. All are pleased with the use of the crude herbs. Three packages are now being sold for \$1. Same will be mailed you.—Adv.

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